## STORM-IMPACTED KENTUCKY COUNTIES ELIGIBLE FOR DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

Affected counties are Bath, Campbell, Carroll, Grant, Grayson, Kenton, Johnson, LaRue, Lawrence, Laurel, Magoffin, Martin, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Ohio, Pendleton, Rowan, Russell, Trimble and Wolfe

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** — Kentuckians in the 21 counties who have lost work or whose businesses were damaged due to severe weather that occurred Feb. 29 – March 3, 2012, may be eligible for disaster unemployment assistance (DUA).

The counties in which DUA is currently available are: Bath, Campbell, Carroll, Grant, Grayson, Kenton, Johnson, LaRue, Lawrence, Laurel, Magoffin, Martin, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Ohio, Pendleton, Rowan, Russell, Trimble and Wolfe. The deadline to apply is April 16, 2012.

Farmers and self-employed people who normally are ineligible for unemployment insurance benefits also may qualify for disaster unemployment assistance, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training (OET), an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

The DUA is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Additional counties may be designated for federal disaster assistance at a later date if requested by the Commonwealth and warranted by the results of further damage assessments. For more information about this disaster, please go to <a href="https://www.kyem.ky.gov/currentdisasters">www.kyem.ky.gov/currentdisasters</a> and <a href="https://www.fema.gov">www.fema.gov</a>.

All regular unemployment insurance benefits must be exhausted prior to receiving any disaster unemployment benefits. Applications can be filed at local Kentucky Career Center offices.

When filing a claim, self-employed individuals should bring a copy of their 2011 income tax return. Other applicants need only a photo-identification card and their Social Security number.

OET, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, helps individuals prepare for, secure and maintain employment; assists employers in locating and selecting the best-qualified workers for their job openings; and provides income maintenance to ease the financial burden on individuals who are out of work through no fault of their own. For more information about its services, visit <a href="http://oet.ky.gov/">http://oet.ky.gov/</a>.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

The social media links provided are for reference only. FEMA does not endorse any non-government websites, companies or applications.

FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA loan officers to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

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